

BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION: CONVERSATIONS ACROSS GENERATIONS

As 2004 marks the 50th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision that abolished segregation in the public schools, a free symposium is planned in North Carolina featuring speakers Julius Chambers, John Hope Franklin and Elaine Jones, in a one-of-a-kind discussion across the generations about *Brown's* significance and its meaning now and for the future. The event sponsored by area universities and colleges takes place at Hillside High School in Durham, North Carolina, Saturday, April 17, 2004, from 9 am until 4 pm. For more information, visit [Conversations Across Generations](#).

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION LINKS TO BROWN LESSON PLANS

The story of America's struggle toward equality is complex. But in its ideals, America has stood for the principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education* ruled that the Constitution forbids laws segregating public schools by race. This historic decision opened the doors of opportunity for many Americans. Constitutional Rights Foundation presents a series of online lessons marking the 50th anniversary of the *Brown* decision. For more information, visit [Constitutional Rights Foundation](#).

LESSONS ON INTEGRATION INCLUDES TEACHER DISCUSSION GUIDE



In the 1950s, Dana struggles to live in two worlds, her Harlem neighborhood and the advanced school she attends while staying true to herself. Irene Smalls and Colin Bootman team up in this heartwarming story of friendship, integration, opportunity, and hard choices. Teachers have found this [discussion guide](#) really useful with their classes.

MEDIA MENTIONS OF "BROWN"....

["The struggle for integration far from over"](#) (National School Board Association)

["Fifty years after Brown, the struggle continues"](#) (National School Board Association)

COMMISSIONER PROFILE

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"Thanks to dedicated individuals at the local, state and federal level, Brown lives in Virginia. Prince Edward County is today a place where educators both public and private, both k-12 and higher ed emphasize sameness over difference, separate no more. The world has much to learn from Prince Edward County's 50 years post-Brown."

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